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# PROPOSALS

FOR

PRINTING a NEW WEEKLY PAPER, called

# The Boston Chronicle.

## CONDITIONS.

I. It will be printed on the very beſt demy PAPER, and on a new TYPE, of both which theſe Propoſals are a SPECIMEN.

II. It will conſiſt of EIGHT PAGES in *Quarto*, each PAGE to be the ſame ſize as theſe Propoſals.

III. Although of an EXTRAORDINARY SIZE, the price will be no more than SIX *Shillings* and EIGHT *Pence* lawful money, or FIFTY *Shillings* old tenor yearly.

IV. This Paper will be printed *every* MONDAY regularly: the firſt Paper will be publiſhed ſometime in DECEMBER, or ſooner if a ſufficient number is SUBSCRIBED for.

V. Subſcriptions from the Country will be carefully attended to, and the Papers ſent with the utmoſt regularity.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are taken in by JOHN MEIN at the *LONDON* BOOK-STORE, North Side of King-ſtreet.

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# PLAN.

THE Publiſhers of theſe Propoſals having been, repeatedly urged by a number of GENTLEMEN OF TASTE, to undertake a

## WEEKLY PAPER,

lay before the public the FOLLOWING PLAN, which has been preſented to them by their friends

That it ſhould contain,

I. "All the current news, foreign and domeſtic, civil, eccleſiaſtical or military, digeſted into a regular ſeries, ſo as to render it a diſtinct hiſtory of our own times.

II. "The debates in the great aſſemblies at home, and an impartial account of the political and party conteſts, with ſhort extracts from the pamphlets and papers publiſhed on both ſides of the queſtion; which, when compared, with the deeds of the actors, would tend to elucidate the character of individuals, and would throw ſome light on the complexion of the times.

III. "That though the preſent times of peace abundantly ſupply intereſting domeſtic materials, yet they furniſh few ſtriking events; therefore, to promote a general circulation, a news-paper ought to include, not only ſelect moral eſſays, illuſtrated by examples for the regulation of our lives and manners, but whatever elſe might conduce to excite induſtry, exalt our ideas, enlarge our ſphere of knowledge, awaken reflection, and arouſe us from the inſipid current of life, to a juſt opinion of our own end and being, and our ſituation in ſociety.

IV. "An account of the new books, will be eſteemed as a valuable part of your collection, by thoſe who are fond of literary amuſements, by this your cuſtomers, who live at a diſtance, will be guarded againſt the deceit of ſpecious titles, and directed what to purchaſe and what to reject, in this part of your work, you will find great aſſiſtance from the learned and judicious criticiſms publiſhed in Great-Britain.

V. "Remarkable and intereſting caſes, civil or criminal, that are tried before the different courts at home, or in other countries; and if an authentic ſtate of theſe trials with the pleadings of the council, on both ſides can be procured, they will give ſingular pleaſure.

VI. "Short entertaining hiſtories public or private, that lead either to inſtruction or amuſement will be agreeable.

VII. "Geography, natural hiſtory, biography, and government, all which are at once curious, uſeful and entertaining, you will naturally call in to your aſſiſtance; and in particular, with regard to the laſt, you ought, as opportunity offers, to explain its different forms, and the extent of the duties of its ſupreme and ſubordinate magiſtrates.

VIII. "Whatever may contribute to promote agriculture, population, trade and manufactures in America, muſt appear to you principal objects of attention. Agriculture alone, can increaſe ſubſiſtence; eaſineſs of ſubſiſtence, is the only encouragement to matrimony and population, an increaſe of inhabitants will again ſtill further facilitate the encreaſe of proviſions, lower the price of labour, and, in a manner, force the eſtabliſhment of manufactures.

IX. "You will, no doubt, endeavour to procure many and various materials, ſuch as will be conſiſtent with the intention of keeping your collection pure, and preſerving order and method; the caſual productions of genius, in whatever part of the world they firſt appear, you will certainly admit, as well as ſhort and pleaſing pieces of poetry, which will create an agreeable diverſity.

X. "We know that it is impoſſible to acquire inſtantaneouſly any great degree of perfection; for which reaſon we hope that the public will not adopt too haſty an opinion, or judge from a few papers. Skill can only be acquired by habit, and an extenſive correſpondence is the gradual effect of time.

"We ſincerely wiſh you ſucceſs, and will uſe our utmoſt endeavours to inſure it to you, but unbiaſſed by prejudice or party, we will boldly claim the FREEDOM of FRIENDSHIP, and leave you with the following advice, which, we hope, nay, which we are perſuaded, you will follow.

"We ſuppoſe that you intend to ſtudy your own intereſts, if you will do it effectually, be of no party; publiſh and propagate with the greateſt induſtry whatever may promote the general good.—Be independent;—your intereſt is intimately connected with this noble virtue;—if you depart from this, you muſt ſink from the eſteem of the public, to the partial praiſe of a party, who, when their purpoſe is ſerved or defeated, may, perhaps, deſert you; and then, how can you expect that thoſe, whom you have reviled, will ſupport you."

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## THIS PLAN

which our friends have pointed out to us is very extenſive and we conſider it with diffidence, but as we have ſpared no proper expence to procure early, authentic and regular intelligence, we hope our incouragement will equal our induſtry.

We have therefore only to mention the meaſures which were taken in conſequence of our receiving it and to profeſs our intention of following it as exactly as poſſible.

A correſpondence has been eſtabliſhed, in ſeveral parts of Great-Britain, but particularly in LONDON, by which we will receive, by every veſſel, all the news-papers of any note, and every Magazine, Review, and political pamphlet without exception; as well as every other work in the literary way, that can conduce to the entertainment of our ſubſcribers.

A private correſpondence has likeways been engaged at a conſiderable expence, by which we will have the earlieſt accounts of whatever may happen entertaining or intereſting, either in public or private.

Our friends have alſo promiſed to ſend the private anecdotes that may happen within the ſphere of their intelligence; which the papers at home are ſometimes cautioned againſt inſerting. A correſpondence has alſo been ſettled along the whole continent and Weſt Indies.

Huſbandry we profeſs not the leaſt knowledge of, but we earneſtly intreat the gentlemen in every part of the country, to favour us with accounts of their experiments and improvements; they have every thing to excite them to this. A communication that can influence a good man, they will raiſe the hard labouring man from the ſcanty pittance of poverty, to the chearful and happy ſtate of mediocrity; they will contribute to encreaſe the ſubſtance and knowledge of the man that is independant; they will preſent to their country a ſolid and permanent advantage, and above all, they will feel in their own breaſts the reward of having done a good action.

Whenever any diſpute claims general attention, the arguments on both ſides ſhall be laid before the publick with the utmoſt impartiality.

Our hiſtorical articles will be claſſed methodically, according to their dates, and whatever appears of learning, politics, hiſtory, or entertainment, will be faithfully and inſtantly inſerted. By this method our propoſed work will be an exact portrait of the times, and to render it more durable, we will number the pages, and give a complete index *gratis*, at the end of every year from the day of publication: ſo that, when bound, it will make a handſome volume: which, to encourage our cuſtomers to preſerve carefully, we will half bind neatly and letter on the back, at the ſmall price of *one ſhilling* lawful.

We beg the advice and aſſiſtance of the ingenious, which we will receive with gratitude, and adopt as the rule of our conduct.

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